

# "Hitting the High Spots With Hylan"

**City Executive Makes 31 Miles an Hour Crossing the Bridge on His Way to Work**

**Covers 5½ Miles From Home to City in 17 Minutes and Stops for a Chat, Too**

"It is a common occurrence to see upon the bridges, as well as on the highways, heavy motor vehicles driving at a reckless rate of speed," wrote Mayor Hylan to Police Commissioner Richard E. Enright last Tuesday.

The Mayor was calling Commissioner Enright's attention to "deliberate and false statements in the press" to the effect that the Mayor had ordered special details of police to the Williamsburg Bridge to sweep it clear of traffic when the Mayor's car approached.

Mayor Hylan was in his one-cylinder, single-speed desk chair when he wrote to his Police Commissioner.

He was in his twelve-cylinder Packard limousine shortly after 8:30 yesterday morning when he came to a full stop at the Manhattan end of the bridge and spoke to the last of a line of policemen who had been saluting during the Mayor's thirty-mile-an-hour progress across the bridge.

**May Have Explained Law**

What the Mayor said to the policeman was not audible to the occupants of a car that followed him from his home at 959 Bushwick Avenue, Brooklyn. It is not impossible that he in-



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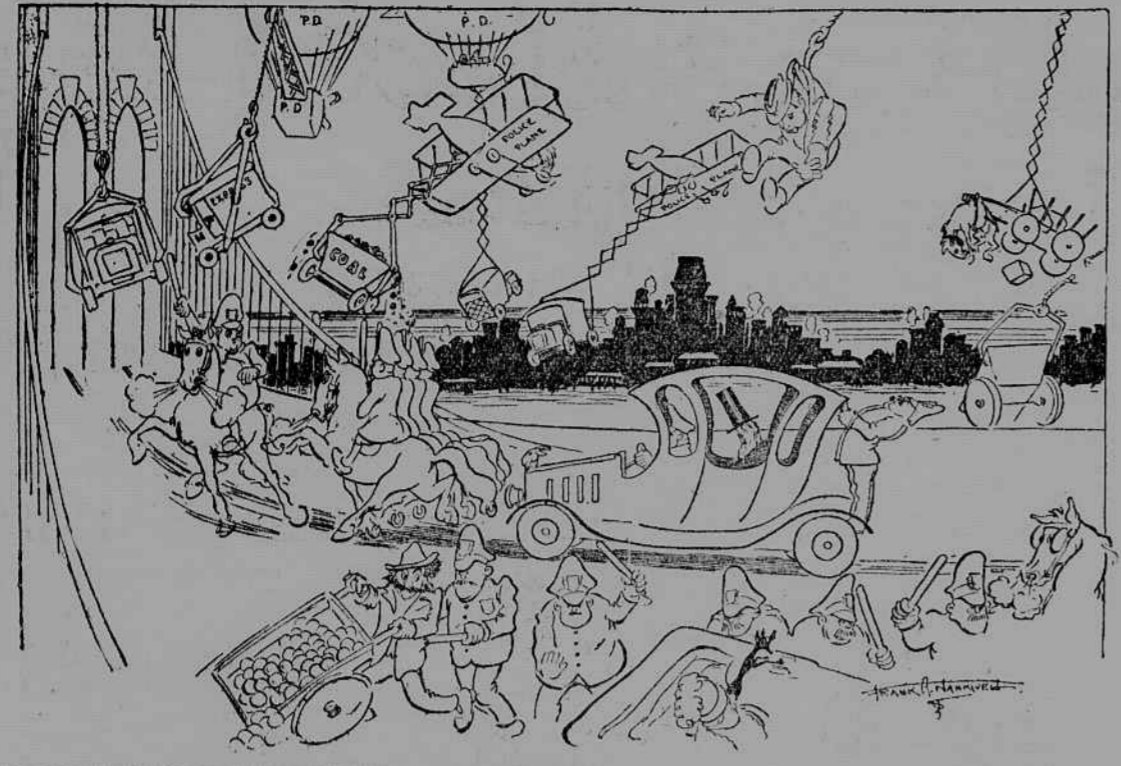
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**A Clearway—Hizzoner, the Mayor of New York, Approaches the Bridge**



structed the policeman in the law, which is that "a rate of speed exceeding fifteen miles an hour shall constitute prima facie evidence of a prohibited rate of speed," or, as the conversation lasted about two minutes, he might have repeated another paragraph from his letter of Tuesday, in which he said:

"I wish you would begin a most vigorous crusade against drivers of all vehicles, pleasure and commercial alike, who violate the rules of the road. The driving around corners, over street crossings and through the highways at a reckless rate of speed, and the rapid driving of motor cars over intersecting streets which pedestrians use, must be discontinued."

Whatever the conversation was about, it ended abruptly, permitting vehicles waiting in the rear to proceed, and the Mayor's car was directed south on Clinton Street—a one-way thoroughfare open only to northbound traffic, according to the regulations.

**17 Minutes for 5½ Miles**  
It was 8:18 when the Mayor's car, with its sign inscribed with the initials of the Police Department, drew away from the curb in front of the Mayor's home. Seventeen minutes later it was at the City Hall, having traversed a distance of about five and a half miles and stopped for two minutes with the policeman.

Within two blocks after it left 959 Bushwick Avenue, Mayor Hylan's car was doing twenty miles an hour, according to the speedometer of the car in which a Tribune reporter happened to be following behind. When Willoughby Avenue was reached, the speedometer needle was trembling at the twenty-five-mile mark.

At Johnson Avenue, a little farther along, a trolley car had stopped while passengers got on and off. Traffic regulations provide that under such circumstances vehicles must not pass or approach within eight feet of the trolley car. The Mayor's automobile, however, swung to the west and swept past the stationary car at a twenty-mile clip.

Down Montrose Avenue the Mayor sped at eighteen miles an hour to the Williamsburg Bridge and again the speedometer needle in the Tribune's car behind shot up to the twenty-five-mile mark and, within half a minute, had leaped to the thirty-mile mark.

**Thirty-one Miles an Hour**  
It did not stop there, but edged to the thirty-one-mile mark, which it held during most of the trip across the bridge. Just before reaching the policeman with whom the Mayor stopped to talk, the machine slowed down to fifteen miles.

Clinton Street, with its one-way traffic regulation, was negotiated in short order. The automobile which followed the Mayor's was permitted to proceed down this street also, although vehicles behind were signed to proceed another block before turning south.

It was just about the school hour and both cars were going through a congested tenement district. The speed in Grand Street varied from fifteen to twenty miles an hour. At Allen Street

the Mayor slid past another stationary trolley car. Lafayette Street was thronged with vehicles of all kinds, but the pursuing car had to keep to a twenty-mile gait. City Hall was reached at 8:35.

**Trucks Too Heavy; Need Regulating, Says Mayor**

Mayor Hylan, in a communication to President Moran of the Board of Aldermen yesterday suggested that the size of trucks and vans be regulated. He said:

"I have been thinking for some time that it might be possible for the Board of Aldermen to regulate the size of trucks and vans. They are putting on everything with which they come in contact. There should be some limitation. I wish you would look into this matter. I will be glad to take the matter up with you sometime."

**Relief From Taxes On Life Insurance Asked by Actuaries**

The Actuarial Society of America, an organization composed of the actuarial officers of the principal life insurance companies of North and South America, opened its thirtieth annual convention at the Hotel Astor yesterday. About 120 delegates, principally from the United States and Canada, were present.

The convention was opened by Henry Moir, of New York, president of the society and secretary of the Home Life Insurance Company. Mr. Moir discussed taxation as it relates to life insurance and pleaded for exemption of life insurance from taxes on the ground that it was a vital social force and should be fostered by the government. He said it would be perfectly proper that public funds should be used in stimulating life insurance.

**Fostering Laws Urged**  
"The power to tax is the power to destroy," Mr. Moir said, "and life insurance should be fostered—not hindered. The fact that the life insurance industry has grown up as a business, in consequence of a public demand, does not alter its character in that its protecting arms are spread out to ward off losses, to reduce pauperism in the community, and to aid the aging and the aged in their times of distress. The social value of life insurance calls for its complete exemption from taxation."

Mr. Moir was followed by Arthur Hunter, chief actuary of the New York Life Insurance Company, who discussed the question whether the new mortality tables, based on war and influenza, should be the basis for premiums and reserves. Mr. Hunter's conclusion was that it is too early to give positive answers to this question.

The effect of the influenza epidemic

of 1918 on the life insurance companies was discussed by James D. Craig, of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, and Dr. Louis I. Dublin. Statistics thus far gathered showed there was an increase of 40 per cent in claims paid in 1918 over 1917. Industrial mortality for the last year, however, has become less than for the previous year, the authors of the paper asserted.

Other papers presented were: "Formulae Used by Various Companies in Computing Expected Mortality on Net Amount of Risk," by Elgin G. Fassell, of the Imperial Life Insurance Company, of Toronto, Canada; "Gain and Loss in Annuity Business," by J. Walter Tobbetts, of the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company, of Newark, N. J.; "Things to Be Considered," by Douglas H. Rose, president of the Maryland Life Insurance Company, of Baltimore, and "Heart Murmurs—Their Influence on Mortality," by Arthur Hunter and Dr. Oscar H. Rogers.

The annual dinner of the society was held at the Hotel Astor last night. Sessions will be resumed to-day.

**71st To Be First in New National Guard**

**Col. Hollis Wells Expects His Regiment Will Have Quota Required by June 30**

The 71st Infantry, New York Guard, has been selected by Adjutant General Charles W. Berry as the first Manhattan regiment to be taken into the new National Guard. The unit must be up to Federal standards by June 30. Colonel J. Hollis Wells said yesterday his regiment will be ready to receive recognition by the middle of June.

Men already in this regiment will receive credit with the War Department or the time they have served as state guards. Their new enlistment will be for two years, and they will not have to go on the reserve list for the same period if they do not reenlist, as under the old requirements.

The 71st needs a few recruits, who may get all details at the armory, Park Avenue and Thirty-fourth Street.

**3 Held Up in House**

Adam and Henry Atanes and a friend, Nick Staeter, were chatting in the apartment of Christ Tsarukian, on the fourth floor of 215 West Eighteenth Street last night when the heard a clatter of running feet on the stairs, followed by a harsh knocking on their door.

"Open up!" yelled a deep voice, "we're policemen, looking for a soldier deserter." They obeyed and three men, with drawn revolvers, entered. They pined up the trio, took \$300 from their pockets, handcuffed them together, tanned them varnishly on the head with the butts of their revolvers, and departed.

Patrolman Maher, of the West Twentieth Street station, discovered them leaning out of the window, shouting and exhibiting their manacled hands.

## State Income Tax Made Law By Gov. Smith

**Davenport Measure Follows Provisions of Federal Statute; Exemptions for Residents of New York**

ALBANY, May 15.—The bill imposing a state tax upon personal incomes was signed to-day by Governor Smith.

Following is an expert analysis of the new law from the standpoint of the man who will have to pay.

The new state income tax law, which is modeled upon the Federal income tax law, affects all residents of the state whose annual income is \$1,000 or more if unmarried, or \$2,000 if married, and all non-residents of the state deriving income in any amount from a business conducted within the state. It provides for a tax at the rate of 1 per cent upon the first \$10,000 of net income, 2 per cent upon the amount in excess of \$10,000, but not in excess of \$50,000, and 3 per cent upon the amount in excess of \$50,000.

It was estimated by Senator Davenport, who introduced the bill in the Senate on behalf of the Committee on Taxation as a part of the state program to replace the amount of revenue which will be lost because of prohibition, that this tax will produce \$50,000,000 in revenue. The law affects both residents and non-residents of the state, but the provisions applying to non-residents exempt from the tax income upon investments within the state which are not connected with a business carried on by the taxpayer within this state.

**Effect on Residents**

In the case of individuals who are residents of the state the tax is levied upon the gross income less allowable deductions, which are practically the same as those provided by the Federal income tax law. As in the case of the Federal law, the proceeds of life insurance and endowment policies, the value of property acquired by gift, amounts received through accident or health insurance or under workmen's compensation laws, and damages received by suit or agreement on account of injuries or sickness are exempt. Interest upon bonds of the United States or its possessions or of this state or any municipal corporation or political subdivision of this state are exempt; but interest upon the bonds of other states will be subject to the tax.

Amounts received through the war risk insurance act and the salaries of officials and employees of the United States are also exempt. Dividends are taxable at the same rate as other income. Interest upon investments registered since June 1, 1917, under the secured debts law, is exempt during the period of years in which the tax has been paid.

**Allowable Deductions**

The allowable deductions, which follow closely the Federal law, include expenses of a business, interest paid upon personal indebtedness in the proportion which the net income bears to the total income, taxes paid within the year but not including either Federal or state income taxes, losses sustained, including losses upon transactions entered into for profit but not connected with a trade or business, worthless debts charged off during the year, depreciation of property used in trade or business, depletion in the case of mines, oil and gas wells and timber, and contributions to religious, charitable, scientific or educational corporations or associations organized under the laws of the state. A resident of the state is allowed a personal exemption of \$1,000 in the case of a single person and \$2,000 in the case of the head of a family or a married person.

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**Millions in Revenue Coming From New Laws**

Special Correspondence  
ALBANY, May 15.—Millions of dollars will be added to the state's revenues by bills signed by Governor Smith to-day. These measures, in addition to the personal income tax law, increase the tax on the income of manufacturing and business corporations from 3 to 4½ per cent, providing \$8,000,000 additional revenue; extend the transfer

inheritance tax to the property in this state of persons who die out of the state; estimated to raise about \$2,500,000 a year; increase the registration fees on automobiles, adding \$2,000,000, and provide taxes on insurance corporation franchises.

In speaking of the business corporation tax law Controller Travis said to-night that business concerns have been practically exempted from the payment of any tax.

"How inadequately they were assessed on their personality," he said, "is shown in an investigation made in 1915 which revealed a list of twenty-four companies having \$90,000,000 of taxable personality, but were actually assessed for only \$3,200,000. This condition was due to the practice of filing certificates of incorporation in smaller communities, although carrying on the business in the larger centres."

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